Defence Production & Supplies, Directorate General of Quality Assurance, Directorate of Standardisation as well as the Government.

On receipt of the CAG report, the Army Headquarters and the Army Ordnance Corps reviewed existing procedures and system and took effective steps to improve the working of the Central Ordnance Depots.

A deliberate and progressive approach has been adopted by the Army Headquarters over the years to apply modern management techniques in the system of inventory management without compromising on issues important for operational logistics. Some of the measures adopted are:—

(a) Direct issue from Central Depots to Workshop, New Raisings, Regimental Centres, Academies etc.

(b) Application of Transportation Model on increasing number of items.

(c) Direct procurement by Regional Depots.

(d) Cash allowance and monetary grants to troops/units.

Unidentified men spotted drawing RAW Office map

2748. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Unidentified men spotted drawing RAW Office maps" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 28th January, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it has been possible to apprehend the miscreants and hand them over to the local police;

(d) if so, whether the identity of the intruders and their intention have been established; and

(e) if not, what steps will be taken to nab the miscreants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Two persons involved in the incident were later identified as teacher who were deputed by the Directorate of Census to conduct Census in the area of CGO Complex. They had also drawn, in the course of their duties, a rough map of the area. As they were performing their official duties, no action was taken against them.

Linking of police establishments

2749. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for linking all police estabishments in the country through a satellite and wire-less system under a project named POLNET;

(b) if so, what is its present status;

(c) whether seven of the 28 bidders had been short listed;

(d) whether the bidders were further short-listed on grounds of a technology to be adopted; and

(e) whether the technology sought to be rejected is the latest state-of-the-art technology, if so, the reasons for its rejection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The tendering process for POLNET began with Pre Qualification of Bidders for which 18 Vendors applied. Eleven were pre qualified for issuing POLNET main tender document. The POLNET main tender has been responded by nine vendors out of the eleven pre qualified vendors. Technical Bids of only 4 bidders were found acceptable and it was decided to open their Financial bids. Financial bids of three of these bidders have been opened on 23.2.2001 as the fourth bidder did not extend Bank guarantee and offer validity.